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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON RAILROADS AT MEXICO CITY, JUNE 3-5, 1975

1. I DO NOT WISH TO GO UNNOTICED THE SUCCESS OF A RECENT ACTIVITY AT MEXICO CITY'S U.S. TRADE CENTER. A TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON RAILROADS WAS HELD FROM JUNE 3-5, 1975, WHICH NOT ONLY ATTRACTED FIFTEEN U.S. COMPANY PARTICIPANTS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT OF OVER 150 OF MEXICO'S TOP RAILROAD MEN HEADED BY LUIS GOMEZ Z., GENERAL MANAGER OF NATIONAL RAILROADS OF MEXICO.

2. PRIMARY CREDIT FOR SEMINAR'S SUCCESS SHOULD GO TO FSO ED PARSONS (EMBASSY TCO) AND FSO TOM ROESCH (TRADE CENTER MARKET PROMOTION OFFICER) FOR IMAGINATION, INITIATIVE AND ENERGY THEY DISPLAYED IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING SEMINAR AND ALSO TO MR. ASAPH H. HALL, ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF DOT'S FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION. HIS PRESENCE, COURTESY CALLS AND OPENING REMARKS STARTED SEMINAR ON HIGH NOTE WHICH NEVER DIMINISHED. I THANK HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS.

3. PERHAPS AS IMPORTANT AS POTENTIAL SALES OF U.S. EQUIPMENT AND CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.S. SUPPLIERS AND MEXICAN RAILROADS RESULTING FROM SEMINAR ARE POLITICAL BENEFITS OF THIS EVENT TO U.S. SR. GOMEZ Z. REMARKED TO ME AT OPENING CEREMONIES THAT TO BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION THIS WAS FIRST SUCH JOINT MEETING BETWEEN USG AND GOM RAILROAD OFFICIALS.

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HE NOTED THAT U.S. WAS MOTHER OF MEXICAN RAILROADS BUT,

UP UNTIL NOW, HAD ABANDONED THEM AS ORPHANS.

4. I HOPE THAT THIS INITIATIVE WILL CONTINUE AND I SUPPORT
WHOLEHEARTEDLY ADMINISTRATOR HALL'S INVITATION TO MEXICANS
FOR VISITS TO FRA'S TEST FACILITY AT PUEBLO, COLORADO, AND
FOR EXCHANGE OF DATA.

5. AIRGRAM REPORT ON SEMINAR FOLLOWS.
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